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CSM William C. Dials Named Top Agency NCO

William C. Dials took over as ASA's Command Sergeant Major this month succeeding CSM Clifford L. Charron who is retiring.

The native West Virginian and former Navy petty officer second class was selected for the top Agency NCO position by MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general.

The selection was based on recommendations from selected ASA commanders, assigned command sergeants major and an ad hoc selection board which met at USASA Headquarters. Though the recommendations were offered independently, each one listed CSM Dials as the top choice.

CSM Dials' reaction to the selection was one of resolution: "I feel there is a tremendous pair of shoes to fill—and I know I'm going to have a big job doing it—but I'll give it everything I've got."



CSM William C. Dials.

He noted that he had solicited the support of each enlisted man in ASA through the command sergeants major gathered at the Commanders and Command Sergeants Major Conferences held at Headquarters in May.

Back in 1947 when CSM Dials enlisted in ASA, after a 33-month hitch in the Navy, he confessed he thought about making E7 and then retiring.

He began his Agency career at Vint Hill Farms and since then has served at posts throughout the world.

Prior to coming to his present assignment, he served as command sergeant major of the Support Group at Ft. Meade.

Born in the coal-mining town of Man, W. Va., CSM Dials can recall the days when he worked in the mines as a tippler.

He married his high school sweetheart from Man, Helen, and now has five children, including two who were adopted in Korea.

One daughter, Sandra, works in ODCSOPS at Headquarters and his eldest son, William C. II, is a newly-enlisted Agency soldier attending the General Intercept Equipment Repair Course at Ft. Devens.

His younger children include a fishing enthusiast, Howard, who is in the eighth grade, and Kimberly, 6, and Andria, 4, the girls CSM Dials adopted from an orphanage supported by Company B, Group Korea.

"Both the children were selected sight unseen to me by a Specialist Watson, one of the men in the company," he said, adding that "the choice could not have been better."

This month CSM Dials began one of the most important and challenging assignments in the Agency.

As indicated by the recommendations, CSM Dials' qualifications for this job are unquestionable. His record of service and accomplishment indicate a keen insight into the enlisted man's problems and solutions to those problems.

Add to this his motto of "Try Harder" and—with a little help from everybody—just about anything can be accomplished.

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Our Cover

Our cover is SP5 David D. Blow's pen and ink impression of the Memorial statue in honor of those ASA men who have fallen in combat.

ASA Soldiers Help Free Skyland

From dispatches filed by CPT Michael J. Merlo and SP4 Paul Ankney of ASA's Information Office at Ft. Devens. Photos by CPT Merlo.

Skyland is much like an average young sovereign nation: warding off threats of revolution, requesting and receiving aid and technical advice from the United States, populated by a majority of peace-loving citizens.

But Skyland is distinct in at least one respect: it is located within the United States of America in the mountainous country 180 miles north of Ft. Devens, Mass.

Most New Hampshire residents would be more apt to know Skyland as that state's White Mountain National Park.

Recently, however, the normally quiet mountainsides were alive with the sound of battle. The fictitious pro-western government of Skyland had been overthrown by members of the Circle Trigon Party.

Under the leadership of COL Fenton Craig, an organized resistance government asked for help. The United States responded by airlifting the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) infiltrators into Skyland. With the help of the advisory detachment, the resistance government was able to overthrow the Circle Trigon Party (CTP) and restore freedom.

It all took place only last spring. The roles of guerrillas and the citi-



Agency soldiers huddle in the mountains of the mythical nation of Skyland to hear an instructor lecture on the Russian DP machine gun.

zens in this true-life drama were played by students at the U.S. Army Security Agency Training Center and School at Ft. Devens.

It was known as Orbit Strike, an operational readiness test in which the ASA "guerrillas" learned and practiced techniques of unconventional warfare, lived in hidden, inaccessible areas, "recruited" members of the local population and crippled the "enemy" whenever and wherever possible.

Several feet of snow blanketed the ground as the SF men parachuted down for two weeks of rigorous work with the resistance guerrillas. About 50 of these guerrillas were ASA personnel who had completed MOS training and were awaiting assignment.

Daytime activities for the guerrillas included sentry duty, recon patrols and classes in foreign and domestic weapons, demolition techniques, guerrilla tactics, field communications and field medicine.

At night the guerrillas went on recon patrols, laid ambushes and pinpointed targets, which were attacked, overrun and destroyed.

Within two weeks from that first

day, the guerrillas and their advisors were able to oust the enemy Circle Trigon Party. In ceremonies that followed the exercises, the guerrillas were decorated for heroism and devotion.

Probably the most rewarding experience for all troops came at the very end, when they turned in their weapons and headed back to Ft. Devens for a hot meal and a shower.

To a man, the ASA guerrillas felt they had learned a great deal about military skills and the way to get along in a realistic field situation.



Bearded guerrilla chief pins a mock award on a "hero" of the Skyland guerrilla forces.



BG John W. Cushman, Ft. Devens Commanding General, chats with ASA soldier SP4 Charles L. McKinnon.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



The old is escorted by the new as the USASA TC&S Continental Army Platoon makes its traditional march over the Captain Isaac Davis Trail on Patriots Day. The Continental Platoon was escorted by a regular company of ASA soldiers on the six-mile march. (Photo by SP4 Paul Ankney.)

MASSACHUSETTS

The USASA Training Center and School recently took part in the annual Armed Forces Day open house at Ft. Devens.

TC&S sponsored displays demonstrating audio oscillator hearing tests and digital building blocks illustrating computer functions, among several other exhibits.

A cold early morning rain followed soldiers from the USASA TC&S recently when they journeyed to Acton, Mass., for the traditional march over the Captain Isaac Davis Trail on Patriots Day.

The ASA Continental Army Platoon, in bright, light-blue colonial uniforms, marched behind the Minutemen over the six-mile trail from Acton to the North Bridge at Concord. Following the Continental Platoon was a company of ASA soldiers,

96-strong, from several ASA companies, commanded by 2LT Paul Thompson.

HAWAII

It's Christmas in July for SFC Denver D. Farley. The Installations Management Team Chief for Co. A, USASAPAC, does not let big money problems dampen his holiday spirits.

For the past three years, through conscientious use of the Army Suggestion Program, SFC Farley has managed to defray expenses with monetary gains from suggestions directly related to his military occupation.

SFC Farley recommends consulting AR 672-20, and following the example of a man who has netted nearly \$3,000 from his suggestions. Who knows? Christmas could come at any time!

GERMANY

SSG Robert C. Van Kirk recently graduated from the Seventh Army NCO Academy, ranking first in an 83-man class.

The 25-year-old staff sergeant from USASA Field Station Rothwesten was not satisfied to win only honor graduate acclaim. He also won three additional awards, out of a possible total of five. The other awards won by SSG Van Kirk during the five-week course at the Bad Tolz Academy were the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army Award; The General George S. Patton Award for Excellence and the Douglas MacArthur Award for Distinguished Leadership.

Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard recently visited USASAFS Herzo's Mt. Schneeberg detachment. The Pentagon's No. 2 man was accompanied by GEN James H. Polk, Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR, by BG Fred W. Collins, Chief USASA-EUR, and by FS Herzo Commander LTC Joseph D. Howard. Mr. Packard toured the support facilities on the site and also the billets, mess and EM Club.

"Zero Defects" is the name of the game for SP5 George M. Dreher of Headquarters USASA Europe.

Since enrolling in the University of Maryland's European Division in January 1968, the sharp ASA HQs & SVC Company specialist has been a "straight A" student, earning 24 college-level credits with a flawless 4.00 average.

SP5 Dreher was presented a special achievement award from the university for his exceptional academic performance. He was one of a select group of 25 students—from a total of 8,000—to be honored.

GRAND OPENING

Ethiopia—USASAFS Asmara recently celebrated the opening of its new Top Five snack bar with a giant barbecue featuring large sides of beef and pork.

MAJ Larry D. Shoe performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony which was followed by a free dinner for all. The new snack bar will be open 24 hours a day and will feature barbecue chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, plus other carry-out items, and snack bar fare. Other convenient features will be breakfast any time of the day, a delicatessen and a dairy queen machine.

VIRGINIA

Once again the personnel at Arlington Hall Station turned out to support an important community activity, the blood program. One hundred and ninety individuals registered to donate blood to the cause, with 176 allowed to give. Fourteen persons were found ineligible.

Special congratulations are extended to Miss Jean Williams, the first female donor at Arlington Hall to become a seven-gallon donor. LTC Martha Sachs, retired, formerly held the record with six gallons.



It rained "dollar bills from heaven" recently for SP5 Charles Putnam and SP5 David F. Salazar of FS Homestead when they reaped their considerable reenlistment bonuses.



At Ft. Huachuca—SP5 Daniel Schlegelmilch was recently awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Ministry of Communication, Republic of China, in recognition and appreciation of his meritorious conduct when he participated in the rescue operation of a Civil Air Transport B1018 Jet Liner at Linkon, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan Province, on the night of Feb. 16. The certificate, received from Sun Yun Hsuan, Minister of Communication, was presented SP5 Schlegelmilch by COL Fischer, Commanding Officer, USASAT&EC, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona where SP5 Schlegelmilch is stationed.

AWOL?

Diogenes Station's ubiquitous CPL Roland J. Eshek was arrested recently for allegedly being off post without proper authorization. CPL Eshek had neglected to sign out when he left post that morning, it was charged.

The corporal's problems were not, however, limited merely to military violations. Sinop authorities soon apprehended him and booked him for "grazing without a custodian," a local offense.

To make matters worse, CPL Eshek was confined not in a Sinop jail, but in the Sinop Animal Sanctuary until bond was posted by SFC Patrick Glisson of the PMO.

Reliable sources said the charges by local authorities have been dropped. Eshek still faces AWOL charges and reduction in rank to PFC if found guilty. If this were to occur, it would be Eshek's second reduction in grade

since his arrival at Diogenes in 1964.

Asked for comment, Eshek could offer no more than "Heehaw, heehaw," which, after all, is a legitimate answer from a donkey.

TAIWAN

Personnel of the United States Army Forces Taiwan and U.S. Army Security Agency Field Station Sobe, Taiwan, recently joined in the donation of two complete sets of baseball equipment to the Chung Hsing Orphanage in Taipei.

The sets included bats, balls, gloves and catcher's equipment. 2LT Frank E. Danowski, ASA, and SSM Edward J. Skewes, USARFT, presented the equipment to Miss Chung Wen-Ching, the orphanage supervisor.

In response to the goodwill of the American Army personnel, Miss Chung expressed her thanks on behalf of the orphanage children.



ODCSFOR

□ **Four-Nation Group To Meet at HQ**—Headquarters, USASA will be the site July 14-16 of the first meeting of the Quadripartite Working Group on Electronic Warfare. About 30 military personnel from Great Britain, Canada, Australia and the United States are expected to attend.

The United States contingency will be comprised of personnel from the Combat Developments Command, the Army Materiel Command, CONARC, TC&S at Ft. Devens, Mass., the DA Staff, the USASA Combat Developments Activity and the host Army Security Agency.

The purpose of the program established by the four nations is to provide, as a minimum, similar equipment and procedures, and optimally, identical equipment and procedures. The goal at this QWG/EW meeting will be to work toward that end with respect to EW equipment, concepts and operational procedures.

Among the social events to sidelight the three-day session will be a tour of the White House and U.S.-sponsored dinner at the AHS Officers Open Mess.

ODCSOPS

□ **New DCSOPS Takes Over**—COL John J. McFadden recently became the new Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and LTC Robert C. McLees took over as the Asst. DCSOPS. COL McFadden replaces COL Arthur W. Hackwood who has been assigned as Deputy Chief, USASAPAC.

ODCSPER

□ **Keep Medical Records Up-to-Date**—The Army's Physical Disability Agency is often encountering the case of "the old soldier" who with pride has avoided sick call and consequently has not established an official record of his "aches and pains." Yet, during his last few years of service, this person actually has been plagued by a variety of ailments which should have been properly identified, treated, and documented.

Proper medical attention and documentation are important for a number of reasons. These include the health and welfare of the individual; the prevention of inappropriate assignments; and determination of physical fitness/unfitness. The latter directly affects the form of retirement for eligible soldiers and entitlement to such special benefits as tax relief for those with a disability.

Therefore, all personnel are reminded to seek prompt medical attention when needed and to periodically check to insure that their individual health records are up-to-date.

□ **Expert Control Field Format Changed**—The format for data used to identify EXPERT records has been revised to comply with the DA changeover July 1 from Army Service Numbers to Social Security Account Numbers.

After June 30, 1969, the following information must be included in the EXPERT data:

1. A personnel class identifier: O (officer), W (warrant officer) or E (enlisted).
2. A component code: RA (Regular Army), AR (U.S. Army Reserve), NG (National Guard) or US (Army of the United States).
3. A sex code: M (male) or F (female).
4. The Social Security Account Number in this format: 293-42-1347.

The association of the three personnel identifiers with the Social Security Account Number for EXPERT control purposes should not be confused with other uses of the SSAN in identifying personnel. DA policy, stated in DA Circular 600-42, is that the SSAN will be used elsewhere without prefix or suffix to identify personnel.



☐ **Volunteers for Army Artist Program Needed**—Qualified artist illustrators who can be released from present duties for 135 days TDY are encouraged to apply for the FY 1970 Army Artist Program.

The Army uses on-the-scene sketches and drawings by these artists in preparing finished paintings which become a permanent part of historical records.

Ten soldiers will be selected for two artist teams. Team IX will work in Vietnam and Hawaii during the period August 1 through December 15, 1969, while Team X will perform duty in Korea and Hawaii from February 1 through June 15, 1970.

Applications for Teams IX and X are due at DA by July 1, 1969, and December 1, 1969, respectively. Complete details are in newly-published DA Circular 28-40.

☐ **Erroneous MOS Skill Levels Being Reported**—Personnel Rosters (DA Form 305-4) prepared by data processing activities and locally prepared Personnel Information Rosters show some soldiers in skill levels that don't exist for their MOS. Result is unnecessary workload in getting these corrected to insure accuracy of master tape records.

To remedy this situation, classification authorities and personnel managers are encouraged to review adequacy of their operating procedures. In this regard, consult Chapter 2, AR 600-200 for guidance on classification actions and Section II, AR 611-201 for skill level information.

☐ **Discharge Orientation Mandatory**—Commanders are reminded that orientations on the benefits of an honorable discharge must be conducted in accordance with recently distributed AR 350-21.

These briefings, which should also cover the disadvantages of a less-than-honorable discharge, are to be given to individuals upon entering active duty, upon the completion of six months service, and upon reenlistment.

A new requirement in this regulation calls for a Form 20 entry of the latest date the soldier received this orientation.

☐ **Care Required in Completion of Efficiency Reports**—Few documents affect the individual officer as much as his efficiency reports (DA Form 67-6).

They are the basis for such critical career actions as promotions, advanced schooling and retention. Consequently, these reports should be completed in a manner reflecting their importance.

Efficiency reports should mirror typical patterns and not single incidents. The narrative portion should be written in a simple and explicit manner, free of platitudes and vague statements.

In this respect, those filing these reports should be familiar with AR 623-105 and complete their ratings with the same painstaking care which they themselves would expect their evaluators to take.

301st Insignia

ASA Stands Ready Through the Night

Being primarily a night-flying mammal, the bat has always been a mysterious animal, zipping around at night via radar guidance, hanging upside down by day. Its in-the-dark activities have a natural veil of secrecy enshrouding them. An allusion to vigilance, the bat has been chosen as the authorized epaulette badge for the USASA 301st Battalion at Ft. Bragg, N.C., the Agency's only Airborne battalion, operating "Through the Night" or at any other time of day when needed for direct tactical support of Airborne units, mainly those at Ft. Bragg.



New Christy Minstrels

To Appear at Ft. Devens

The widely-popular New Christy Minstrels, who during 1968 traveled more than 150,000 miles to entertain an estimated 1.5 million persons, will present a two-hour benefit concert July 24 at the Ft. Devens, Mass., airfield hangar.

Proceeds of the event, which begins at 8 p.m., will go to the USASA Benefit Association, founded in 1967 primarily to insure the education of all children of USASA members who die on active duty.

Promising to be a professionally-produced performance, the vocal concert will include selections in the Glen Campbell style. The group's renditions of "Who Will Answer" and "Aquarius" have brought standing ovations.

Producing-directing the concert is CPT Lee Mimms of the Washington, D.C. AG staff, who has directed concerts for Dave Brubeck, Henry Mancini, George Shearing, the Modern Jazz Quartet and several other noted performers.



The color guard stands at attention.

"To you brave men who have given your lives so that others may remain free this Memorial is dedicated."

With these words CSM Clifford L. Charron dedicated the NCO Memorial in honor of those Agency men who had died in combat. The solemn and colorful ceremony took place May 9, 1969, at USASA Headquarters, Arlington Hall Station.

More than 200 spectators, including attendees at the Commanders-Command Sergeants Major Conference, parents of the deceased soldiers, present and former members and employees of the Agency, gathered in front of the stately headquarters building to participate in the ceremony.

The Memorial, presented by the command's non-commissioned officers, is nine feet tall. In the Georgia-granite base are carved the Agency seal and names of the deceased soldiers. Atop the base stands a four-foot statue of white marble from Carrara, Italy.

Carved by skilled Italian craftsmen, the statue depicts a typical USASA soldier, in full battle dress, equipped with a field radio.

The day began with overcast skies and intermittent rain. By one o'clock, however, the sun began to break through the clouds and before the ceremony began at one-thirty, the skies had cleared.

Taking the part of host for the dedication, the U.S. Army Garrison

NCO Memorial



The Memorial: "For those who have paid the supreme sacrifice."

had made extensive preparations.

A contingent of the United States Army Band from the 3d Infantry, Ft. Myer, provided appropriate music for the occasion as the spectators, some formally attired in dress blues, took their seats.

As the principal speakers, MG Charles J. Denholm and CSM Clifford L. Charron approached the crowd, the Cordon Commander brought the Cordon (members of the Support Group, Ft. Meade) to attention.

The Color Guard, comprised of members of the AHS Military Police Company, advanced into position in front of the Cordon Commander for the playing of the National Anthem and afterward they moved to the rear of the Memorial.

Post Command Sergeant Major James C. Anderson, the master of ceremonies, then introduced CSM Charron who gave the dedication address.

Speaking impassionately, CSM

Dedicated



CSM Clifford L. Charron delivers the dedication address.

Charron, who conceived of the Memorial idea, brought attention to the names on the Memorial saying, "You will always be remembered and by your heroic actions you have written a proud chapter in the command's history."

Following the invocation by Major Billy J. Ivey, post chaplain, MG Denholm spoke briefly to the gathering. "I'm sure," he said, "that each man whose name is inscribed in this monument knew that he was making a major contribution to his country."

MG Denholm and the wreath bearer, 1SG Noah L. Beckner of HQ Co, walked slowly toward the monument and placed the wreath at its base. The general then stepped back and saluted.

While the crowd silently paid its respect, a 21-gun salute suddenly broke the suburban quiet of Arlington, Va.

In the stillness that followed, four muffled drum rolls and a bugle sounding Taps was all that could be heard.

As the Taps ended, the sun streamed through the clouds.

In addition to the conferees who represented members of their respective commands, there were some other out-of-state guests. These special guests were parents of five of the deceased soldiers.

Coming from different parts of the country to participate in memorializing their sons were: Mr. and Mrs.



MG Denholm with the wreath bearer walks toward the Memorial as the ceremony reaches its climax. The Cord and color guard present arms.

Gerhard W. Hearle, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Biller, Silver Spring, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schramm, Fairless Hill, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jon D. Martin, Greensburg, Ky., and Mr. James C. Davis of Livingston, Tenn.

The ASA family gathered together

on this May day to pay respect to those members who had given their lives, or as the inscription on the Memorial reads, those who "had paid the supreme sacrifice."

Unified in a common purpose, the gathering at the dedication ceremony seemed to indicate just one more way in which ASA takes care of its own.

A mother's love for her son may be expressed in many ways, but few of them are more poignant than the medium of poetry. Mrs. Floyd Stake of Albuquerque, N.M., wrote the following tribute to her son, SP4 Kendall A. Stake, a member of the 509th Radio Research Group, who was in Vietnam only six weeks before being killed in action, Apr. 5, 1968.

Quiet Banners

He sleeps—
Beneath the flag he loved.
He died—
To keep its furls unfolded
With a breathless sweep:
So future ages might with reverence keep
Its colors leaping into morning light,
He sleeps—and is content.

But does he dream—
With spirit-soaring cross the sweep
of this, his native land,
Of people left to hold this banner high,
Perhaps be troubled some might trample
underfeet,
This symbol, that he died to keep
Untarnished, shining in God's sight—
He watches sightless, soundless now.
This son we loved,
Who sleeps.



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Karl E. Nestler.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John S. O'Connor, Lester L. Ryan, Daniel W. Tierney, Charles E. Wentzel, Harold S. Whitlock, Robert W. Wright.
MAJOR: Richard L. Williams, Charles R. Wood.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Brice A. Pyles.
MASTER SERGEANT: James E. Thompson.

Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: Michael R. Sullivan.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Franklin R. Brown, Ernest Sine.
SPECIALIST 6: John Rogers.
SPECIALIST 5: William R. Clancy, John Dean, John D. Herzek.
SPECIALIST 4: David R. McInnes.

Meritorious Service Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Leo W. Phair, William E. Purcell.
MAJOR: Ronnie L. Jones, Larry D. Shoe.
CAPTAIN: John W. Dempsey.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Walter E. Shipley.
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: John M. Kelly.
STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Kadettie J. Manion.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Durwood M. Black, Charles D. Gray.

Air Medal

SPECIALIST 5: Edwin Bocker (10-15), Frans V. Erickson (15-23).

Joint Service Commendation Medal

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Robert L. Eckford.
STAFF SERGEANT: Raymond Blackburn.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John J. McCall (1).

MAJOR: L. J. Benson, John G. Land (1).

CAPTAIN: Charles D. Burdick, Royce D. Harbor, Robert G. Kulvich, George C. Schaefer.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: David G. Curtis, James F. Day, Alan J. Hill, John A. Lamb, Lindley H. Newcomer, James A. Pridmore, Paul E. Rubeli.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: James V. Haughney.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Raymond L. Kennedy (4), James Melton, Bennie F. Sutton (1).
STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: David T. Smouse (1).

FIRST SERGEANT: Franklin V. Stitzman, Richard A. Angulo (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: Richard E. Pettit.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: James H. Hillis (1), George H. Landingham (1), Billy J. Lewis, Peter F. Lindsay (2), Samuel J. Madrid, Harvey D. Nelson (3), Claud M. Sanford, Richard E. Shilling (1), Matthew A. Story, Jack H. VanDyke.

STAFF SERGEANT: Stuart E. Bates, James R. Comings (1), Samuel Edgings (1), Wallace Isaacs, Donald N. McShane (1), George E. Roe, William C. Schroeder, James H. Setty, Bobby J. Smith, Victor C. Weigand.

SPECIALIST 6: Samuel J. Black.

SPECIALIST 5: Xavier O. Flores, Marcia A. Gernert, Paul D. Hill, Kenneth W. Hipple, Clyde James, Richard L. Lowther, Kenneth J. Matta, John K. Morganti, Dennis D. Mosher, Thomas J. O'Connell, Russell C. Packwood, Leonard Ray, Michael A. Terlizzi, Rodney F. Van Guilder, Ronald R. Van Wart.

SPECIALIST 4: Charles Easton, Robert France, Phillip A. Jackson, Gregory E. Johnson, Frederick C. Smiga, Terry Spade.

Promotions

TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL: William C. Foster, Owen H. Knox, John F. Passafiume, Horace C. Tabor.

TO MAJOR: William C. Campbell, Herbert D. Pond, Ellis G. Rockwold, James T. Webb, Thomas J. Weideman.

TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Herbert M. Hamby.

TO E-7: Paul Benoit, Elmer C. Capley, Bruce C. Hammerton, Otis W. Morgan, Stanley R. Morgan, Leo R. Peloquin.

Retirements

MAJOR: Charles R. Wood.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Ralph Blair.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Leslie L. Bodine.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Euleut L. Rice, Jerry A. Holub.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Holland H. McMullen.

FIRST SERGEANT: Charles C. Gibson, Henry R. Quillin, Robert F. Snyder.

MASTER SERGEANT: Richard A. Angulo, Robert A. Firth Jr., Walter R. Hickman, Russell T. Larson, Jack J. Lewis, Dean R. Lindquist, Charles T. Master, Loren A. Moore, Harold H. Quillen, Melvin E. Raby, Charles E. Robinson, Raymond F. Sherman, Thomas P. Tupper, John G. White, John R. Wing.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Donn A. Cook, Vernon L. Goldsmith, Elmer J. Howard, John P. Jones, James J. McGowan, Manuel Montoya, Vernon C. Moore, Harrison Moreau Jr., Elvis H. Stout, William F. Welch, John Williams.

SPECIALIST 7: Eugene L. McCormick, Jaroslaw Semkiw.

STAFF SERGEANT: Jimmie R. Brewster.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Outstanding Performance Awards

James Blankenship, Miss Barbara Brooks, Alphonse Canciglia, Roger Edmonds, Miss Jane Flynn, Edward Fortner, Harry Galbraith, Mrs. Julia S. Georg, Paul Greenwald, Edward Grove, Miss Suzanne Hamlin, Mrs. Hilda Herrell, John P. Long, Mrs. Virginia McDill, Mrs. Helen Nine, Joseph Pierson, Mrs. Ora E. Poland, Bernard Reynolds, John S. Schwab and Charles Wientjes.

—Two Heroes—

That small group of men who have received the Army Commendation Medal for acts of heroism while on a peacetime assignment was expanded recently with the addition of two Agency men stationed in West Germany.

The two, SP5 John R. Super of Headquarters Company, USASA Field Station Rothwesten, and PFC Virgil Borges of Headquarters, USASAE, were decorated for actions performed during an unusual emergency at Rothwesten's Detachment K, located near the East-West border town of Wobeck.

On the morning of August 7, 1968, a vehicle struck a guy wire of one of the site's 140-foot antenna support towers, buckling the tower at a point roughly 80 feet up.

Sitting atop the tower was a 750-pound antenna assembly which threatened to collapse the weakened structure at any moment.

Compounding the danger of the situation, was the fact that nearly all the site's operations buildings and personnel would be within easy reach of the falling metal should the tower collapse.

SP5 Super, chief of the field station's antenna crew, immediately cleared everyone from the danger area.

He then climbed the bent, swaying tower and with the help of his crew attached new guy wires to steady it.

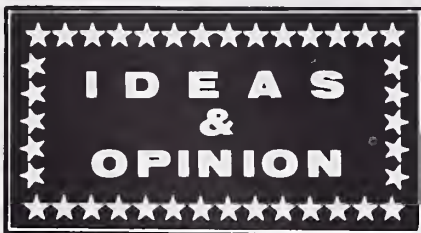
PFC Borges, a member of the antenna crew which had been rushed in from Headquarters, USASAE, in Frankfurt to assist in the emergency, volunteered to ride to the top of the tower at the end of the cable of a 180-foot crane.

For more than four hours, Borges worked 150 feet in the air. He removed the massive antenna assembly and placed it on top another tower which had been hastily constructed by the work crews.

As a result of the efforts of these two men, further damage to the site and possible injury to personnel was prevented. Moreover, their actions kept lost operational time to less than 24 hours at this strategic site.

THE HALLMARK and other military publications carry news of

awards and decorations similar to those of SP5 Super and PFC Borges in every issue. In the seeming security of our everyday routine, we perhaps skip over these announcements too quickly. The examples set for us by these men are much too important to be dealt with lightly. Don't let us throw away so easily the lessons taught us by Super, Borges and others like them.



—Safe Opening—

Below is a direct English translation sent to THE HALLMARK by SFC Jerry Fleet of HQ Co, USASA MSC at Warrenton, Va., of an "Escaping Method" for removing oneself from the interior of a vault.

SFC Fleet says the instructions were found inside the door of a vault that had been installed by Japanese laborers at FS Chitose in Japan.

THE HALLMARK wonders what prompted his discovery of the "Method."

ESCAPING METHOD

Even if you are locked in this VAULT ROOM, do not be in despair nor hate the person who has just locked you here. You can escape here by yourself as long as you try your efforts and obey the following instructions:

1. Set your mind at ease, stand facing to door you are going to open for your hopeful future. If light is out, humble for the switch located on right side of yourself and turn it on, or you can't read this.
2. Open the small window located in front of your belly button.
3. You will see small, black box with two horns of devil. This is what

locked you here and made you almost lose your hope. Turn horns to left side, untighten them and remove cover plate. Now you have already made 90 per cent of your escape.

4. Turn remaining dial plate to either side and make tongue fit to notch on this dial plate.

5. When they are fitted together, turn handle located on right side window to clockwise and push the door.

6. Now you can breath the fresh air to your heart content, but do not forget to re-assemble the small parts of devil before you get back to work, or you cannot lock anyone in this vault and make him feel the same as you have just done.

—On Education—

(From the Kagnew Gazelle, Asmara, Ethiopia, by Frances Sullinger, Education Center Director at Kagnew Station.)

Did you know you can use your Veterans Educational Benefits while you are still in the service?

If you have been on active duty for two years or more, including 181 days of continuous active duty, you are eligible to use the G.I. Bill to pay for off-duty residence instruction, such as that provided by the University of Maryland, or for correspondence courses from approved civilian schools.

For off-duty programs, you are reimbursed for the total amount of tuition and fees or at the rate of \$130 a month, whichever is lesser. Eligibility is deducted from the 36-month maximum at the rate of one month for each \$130 paid.

For correspondence study, you are reimbursed for the cost of the course. You receive a check every three months paying for the lessons you have completed within that quarter. Charge against your total eligibility is figured in the same way as for off-duty residence study.

For more information, contact your Education Center. Why not today?



2LT Frank E. Danowski, operations officer, USASAFS Taiwan demonstrates the proper use of the baseball catcher's mitt to one of the boys of the Chung Hsing Orphanage in Taipei, while SSM Edward J. Skewes, operations NCO, USARFT, looks on. The personnel of USARFT and USASA recently donated two sets of baseball equipment to the orphanage as part of the continuing program of the U.S. Army on Taiwan to assist Chinese children throughout the Republic of China.

GOLF

Virginia—The Materiel Support Command, FS Vint Hill Farms, recently held its first annual MSC handicap tournament at the Twin Lakes Golf Course, Fairfax, Va.

An enthusiastic crowd of MSC personnel representing civilians, officers, NCOs, and enlisted personnel turned out for the 36-hole tournament, which was held in two sections of 18 holes on different days.

The Callaway Handicap System was used in computing handicaps. SP4 Ward captured first place with a gross score of 171 while LTC Phair took first place with a net score of 150. MAJ Gaydosh posted the highest score of the tournament with a 180.

In all, two enjoyable days were had by MSC personnel who participated, only one sour note was heard on the links: "What, no 19th hole?"

Hawaii—"Going Pro, Scotty?", BG George A. Godding queried of SGT James E. Scott who recently took first in the USASAPAC semi-annual

Chief's Tournament here, which marked his third consecutive first place finish.

While SGT Scott took the honors with the low gross score, SP5 Dick Edwards captured them in the low net category.

The longest drive of the day went to SP5 Gene Armacost, and the least putts for the three-round tournament went to LTC George Garrant.

HOLE IN ONE

Hawaii—"Well, I guess I've done just about everything now," LTC William B. Phelps, Chief of S-4 HQ USASA-PAC, exclaimed when he saw that little white sphere drop ever so nicely into the par 3, 14th hole at the Hawaiian Country Club.

LTC Phelps was calm and collected, however, compared to the other members of his foursome. They jumped and yelled as if the feat were their own. Normally a hole-in-one earns a \$1 per man fee from everyone in the league. Not so today; the Phelps four-

some decided to dispense with such "absurdities" prior to tee-time.

BOWLING

Japan—This has got to be some kind of record!! SSG Bill Beyerlin, SSG Jim Gilfone, SP4 Bob Heddal, SSG George Roe, and SFC Jim Brown, better known in Chitose as the Miller High Life bowling quintet came up with a fantastic 3,014 scratch team series in beating the "Burgies" for the 1st Round Championship of the Wednesday Night Men's League.

Four weeks—to the day—later, the Millers rolled the same incredible series—3,014! This time against the Post Engineers.

The Army Times' "Stake Your Claim" column lists a 2900 series as the highest rolled Army-wide score this year.

Taiwan—In the Tsoying Men's Handicap winter bowling league, Detachment Alfar rallied from the basement at the beginning of the season to finish in first place 10 games ahead of the second place team.

So remarkable were the team members that four of them, SGT Happer, SP5 Herrman, SP4 Crochet and SP4 Humanson were elected to bowl in the All-Taiwan tournament. SP4 Humanson was a big winner in Taipei when his team placed first, himself placing second in all the big events and seventh in the singles handicap.



LTC William B. Phelps, right, receives an award for the most fives from BG George A. Godding in the three-day Chief's Tournament (see story). LTC Phelps also scored a hole-in-one during recent play on the same course. (Photo by SP5 William Jenks.)

SWIMMING

Ethiopia—The Aquazelles, the Kagnew Station AAU swim team, broke 16 pool records in its final meet ending the winter season.

The 36-event meet which had 57 participants lived up to its name as the Record Breakers Swimming and Diving Championships. Heading the list of record breakers were Lee Manchester, Jon Heinrich, and Caroline Boyland who each set two pool records.

Manchester, swimming in the 11-12 year old age group, established records in the 50-meter backstroke (40.0) and the 50-meter freestyle (38.6).

Heinrich, swimming in his first AAU meet, set records in the 25-meter backstroke (20.9) and the 25-meter breaststroke (23.0) in the 10 and under category. Caroline Boyland, also swimming in her first AAU championships here at Kagnew, churned to records in the 25-meter butterfly (20.8) and the 50-meter backstroke (45.0) in the girls 11-12 year old group.

RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCH

Massachusetts—At the recent First Army Rifle and Pistol Match held at Ft. Meade, Md., two ASA men won awards while firing with the Ft. Devens team. They were SSG Wade Wellingham and SP7 Ivan Moore, both of Headquarters Company, USASATR.

SSG Wellingham won the 45-caliber slow fire match with 188 points out of a possible 200 points. In the .22-caliber slow fire match he placed seventh.

SP7 Moore took fourth place in the 600 Ohio match with a score of 192 points out of a possible 200.

Out of 239 contestants in the pistol matches SSG Wellingham ranked ninth and SP7 Moore was 12th in the field of 358 riflemen.

The Ft. Devens squad also had these ASA men on it: SGT James Howard, SP5 Donald Park, SP4 Howard Sedy, SP4 Dave Johnson, SP4 Clarence Wyant, SP4 Thomas Benzen, SP4 Benny Gross, and SP4 Dennis Berreth. All of these men are assigned to Headquarters Company, USASATR.



LTC Slesinger, CO, FS Shemya, congratulates PFC Ronald Brubaker for his accomplishment in winning the "Hardest Worked On to No Avail" category. Laughing on is PFC Richard Hutzenbiler, winner in the "Fanciest" category. (Right) MSG Angelo Perri wastes no time in ridding himself of his several weeks growth as soon as the contest ended.



LONG NOSES?

Alaska—No, it's just that the moustache contest concluded here recently. The winners in the categories indicated are:

Longest—SP4 Howard Carter
Fanciest—PFC Richard Hutzenbiler
Best Groomed—SSG Jerry Hill
Hardest Worked on to No Avail—PFC Ronald Brubaker

Prizes in the contest were, for the first three categories, large club steaks at the NCO Club and a bottle of champagne to be shared by all three. The fourth category winner received that which he strove so hard for, his own moustache. All in all during the period of the contest \$135.78 was raised and forwarded to the USASA Benefit Association.

VOLLEYBALL

Arlington Hall Station—The AHS Volleyball Team recently placed second in the B division of the First U.S. Army Volleyball Championship Tournament.

The tourney, played at Ft. Dix, N.J., was double elimination, thus each of the 10 teams entered in the division was allowed two losses before being eliminated. AHS sent Edgewood Arsenal, the winner of last year's meet, into the losers bracket before being defeated by Walter Reed. They then defeated Edgewood again for the right to play for the championship. Walter Reed then defeated AHS for the championship.



Arlington Hall Station Volleyball players from left to right are: LTC Liebow, USA; LT Olson, coach, USN; LCDR Vanderslice, USN; SP4 Walker, USASA; LTJG Justiss, USN; CPT McGhee, USAF; SP4 Hutchison, USASA; S/SSG Slate, USAF.



The coral formations south of Sobe often take some exotic designs.

"The Best in the Business"

Sobe, Okinawa, once a battlefield for the largest (and last) Pacific Theater engagement of World War II, is today the site of one of the best-equipped Agency field stations in the world.

Since 1958, it has been known as Torii Station, but it had also been called the 51st ASA SOC, the 3rd USASA Field Station and still earlier, the 8603 Departmental Unit. That was when the station consisted of only four troop barracks and an operations building: 1952.

While searching for a permanent name, Torii Station leaped into adolescence with a growth in facil-

ASA in Okinawa

ities that by the early 1960s had seen the construction of a headquarters building, a second operations building, more barracks, warehousing and maintenance facilities and a 1000-man consolidated mess.

Also, either in operation or approaching completion were an NCO Club, Service Club, post library, chapel, 315-seat theater and a swimming pool. A gymnasium (one of the best on the island) and the Officers Club were completed in 1967.

Torii Station also boasts a craft shop, bank, bowling alley, illuminated

softball field and a nine-hole miniature golf course.

In addition to ASA FS Sobe personnel, Torii Station is also home base for the Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA), Okinawa; Co. D, U.S. Marine Support Battalion; and the Joint Sobe Processing Center, activated in 1961 and staffed by Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel.

With so many Americans on the island, Okinawa has lost some of its Oriental atmosphere.

"It's almost like not being in a foreign country at all," observes SP5 David Hall, who recently ended his



The rural hut is one type of dwelling found in the Okinawan community.



Okinawans bury their dead in well-constructed family tombs.

*An island
in the
Pacific . . .*

18-month tour of duty at Torii.

Perhaps it is the combination of the Oriental mystique with the familiarity of "home" that presents those about to leave Okinawa with mixed emotions.

Okinawa is not an easy island to leave. In addition to the diverse recreational facilities at Torii Station, the island offers three rewards always topping the list of crucial criteria for the overseas-bound soldier: scenic beauty, places to visit and things to do. Okinawa has plenty of all.

The town of Nago near Sobe is popular for its beaches. Suicide Cliff, south of Naha, Okinawa's capital, is a World War II-era monument of a sort: from the ledge, numerous Japanese soldiers leaped to their deaths upon impending defeat in 1945. The Torii Station Special Services offers a



Highway #1 twists through the countryside of Okinawa offering a panoramic view for the motorist and cyclist.



A five-mile aerial photo puts the island of Okinawa in a different perspective. Sobe is at the upper left.

tour almost every weekend to somewhere in the area.

Okinawa is also an ideal starting place for flying to such popular tourist attractions as Tokyo, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Bangkok and the Philippines.

Deep-sea fishing fans at Torii can check out a Special Services inboard, while those who would rather spend time underwater can make use of skills learned as members of the Torii SCUBA Club.

Torii military personnel are active in community relations, having founded the Yomitan-Son Community Relations Committee composed of local Okinawan leaders and representatives of the military organizations located in Yomitan-Son.

The Committee has been responsible for such projects as clearing of school playgrounds, erection of an antenna tower for a high school meteorology class wind-measuring device and the arrangements for bilingual signs warning of traffic hazards.

The Committee is headed by the Torii Station Commander, COL Jack P. Lansford, and the mayor of Yomitan-Son.

During 1968, working through the Committee, Torii Station ASA personnel presented 358 pieces of athletic equipment and 17 musical instruments to seven schools in two local villages.

The multi-service make-up of the field station has given birth to both

competition and cooperation among the services. In the area of sports, the spirit of competition has progressed to real rivalry, with teams competing in several different sports throughout the year in the Torii Station Service Cryptologic Agencies (SCA) Athletic Competition.

Teams are drawn from three Air Force security units, the ASA, NSGA and Co. D. Points are awarded first- and second-place teams, and at the end of the year the SCA trophy is presented the service totaling the most overall points. This year's battle seems to be between the Army and the Navy teams, running neck and neck.

Company-level events in many sports are also held at Torii Station and teams compete in the US Army Ryukyu Islands (USARYIS) company-level sports program. FS Sobe's Co. C team won this year's USARYIS volleyball contest.

Performing their mission, bettering community relations or competing in athletic contests, the men of Torii Station—FS Sobe, Okinawa—live up to their motto as "The Best in the Business."

Photos provided through the courtesy of SP5 Robert D. Hayes, formerly stationed at Sobe, now at ODCSCOM, Headquarters.

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*The Torii Gates mark the
entrance to Torii Station—
home of ASA on Okinawa.*

